

effect that the tribes and their representatives had been “good, loyal Democrats” and “good friends” of the Democratic Party who had supported the DNC and the Clinton/Gore campaign in the past.<sup>235</sup> Fowler recalls that O’Connor “clearly identified these people as being supporters of the Democratic Party,” and added that, knowing O’Connor, “it would not surprise [Fowler] that [O’Connor] did mention financing.”<sup>236</sup> O’Connor denies recollection of any comments about financial support, but his own partner, Corcoran, recalls O’Connor’s reporting such details to him shortly after the DNC meeting.

One lobbyist, Carl Artman,<sup>237</sup> maintains that later in the meeting, Fowler responded to these remarks regarding financial support and the tribal requests for assistance by commenting that the tribes would need to be supportive of the party in the future; President Jones recalls the DNC chairman’s remarking that he “hoped” the tribes’ support would continue.<sup>238</sup> Yet another of the lawyer-lobbyists at the meeting, Sikorski, specifically recalls that it was O’Connor who told Fowler that these tribal leaders had been “very strong supporters” or “contributors” in the

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<sup>235</sup>*See, e.g.,* Ducheneaux G.J. Test. at 86 (“I think [O’Connor] probably made the pitch that these were good loyal Democrat tribal representatives . . . [who] supported the President, [and] supported Democratic candidates.”); Grand Jury Testimony of Kurt BlueDog, Dec. 16, 1998, at 116 (O’Connor “probably” said that the tribes were “good Democrats or had been supporters of the Democratic Party in the past.”); and S. Crooks G.J. Test., April 21, 1999, at 86 (he “think[s]” either O’Connor or Kitto said that “the tribal representatives who were [at the meeting] had been good supporters of the Democrats in the past.” He also remembers that either, or both, used the phrase “good friends.”).

<sup>236</sup>Grand Jury Testimony of Donald Fowler, May 21, 1999, at 89-90 (hereinafter “Fowler G.J. Test.”).

<sup>237</sup>Artman was an employee of the Oneida Nation and an enrolled member of the tribe.

<sup>238</sup>Grand Jury Testimony of JoAnn Jones, Oct. 23, 1998, at 23 (hereinafter “J. Jones G.J. Test.”).